

To the Commission:

I am disappointed but not surprised to hear that the Commission is leaning toward adoption of regulations favoring expanded ownership of media properties.

This is absolutely not in the Public Interest, Convenience or Necessity, the terms by which licenses have been granted. At one time, the Commission was a great advocate of diversity of ownership, which potentially reflects the diversity of population within a market area. I see absolutely no purpose in allowing an Infinity, a Clear Channel, a foreign owner like Mr. Murdoch, and others to have ownership of nearly all the media outlets in my community, but with no desire to be a part of my community.

I want rules in place that serve the public, rather than just private, interest. This can be done without harm to the already rich multimedia cartels. They are entitled to make a profit, and can continue to do so under the present system. I and apparently most Americans oppose a vote that leads to more media consolidation. On June 2nd, I urge you not play political favorites and to retain the current ownership rules. Without adequate public hearings on this matter, you are also subjecting any decision to lengthy and expensive Congressional and Judicial processes.

Respectfully,  
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